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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT WORK GROUP TO MEET NOVEMBER 17

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – The Commissioner's Work Group for School Improvement will meet Thursday, November 17 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. ET in Room 416 at the Kentucky Department of Education's new location, 300 Sower Blvd. in Frankfort.

The Accountability Work Groups, as support to the Accountability Steering Committee, will design various elements of Kentucky's new school accountability system under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – the new federal law governing public education. Each group will focus on a specific area of the system including assessment, college- and career-readiness, educational innovations, opportunity and access, and school improvement. All groups will consider overarching themes, such as how to close the achievement gap.

Each work group will make recommendations to the Accountability Steering Committee, which will in turn make recommendations on the overall system to Commissioner of Education Stephen Pruitt. The Kentucky Board of Education must approve any changes in the accountability system. The current timeline calls for the new system to be in place for the 2017-18 school year.

A full agenda follows:

**Commissioner's School Improvement Work Group
November 17, 2016
Kentucky Department of Education
4th Floor, Room 416, 300 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. ET**

- I. Welcome
- II. Review charge of School Improvement Work Group
 - Review feedback from Systems Integration Work Group
 - Review feedback from Accountability Steering Committee
- III. School Improvement Work Group discussion
 - Comprehensive supports
 - Targeted supports
 - Timelines
- IV. Next steps
 - Schedule next meeting and location
- V. Adjournment

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